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SCHWAB ET AL.

Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 July 2010.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 8-68 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 8-20 and 54-68 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 21-53 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SG-06)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 7/12/2010 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Regarding applicant's arguments that the Utsumi reference does not disclose specifically "dialing of at least two of the plurality of telephone number is initiated by a respective command sequentially."

The examiner wishes to point to the applicant to the Utsumi reference, specifically Col.2 line 61-Col. Line 4, Utsumi does implement a keyboard interface for the user to initiate a command sequence in which the cleansing process begins. This cleansing process involves a phone list which is systematically "cleansed". A sequential list of phone numbers is processed by said cleaning command and is detailed in Utsumi. (Col.3 line 12-38)

This "single" command initiates a clean up of a list (list is containing more than 1 phone number) and therefore reads on "dialing of at least two of telephone numbers."

The examiner agrees with the applicant arguments that the newly amended independent claim 8 and new independent claim 54 disclose an method in which a first call and second call are sequentially dialed and then the deletion of both numbers are done in sequential order and therefore overcomes the prior art.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 33, 39-44, and 50-53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Utsumi (5,796,816).

Regarding claim 33, Utsumi teaches at least one or more tangible computer-readable media comprising instructions that are executable by a communications device to:

initiate dialing of a plurality of telephone numbers included in a list stored by the communications device sequentially such that the dialing of at least two of the plurality of telephone numbers is initiated by a respective , sequentially (Claim 1, Col.10 line 27-32) ; and

return to one or more of the plurality of telephone numbers that are unanswered.
Fig.2 (204, not receiving disconnect message, process is reiterated)

Regarding claim 39, Utsumi teaches the one or more tangible computer-readable media of claim 33, wherein the return is performed without manually entering the one or more of the plurality of telephone numbers. Fig.2 (204, not receiving disconnect message, process is reiterated)

Regarding claim 40, Utsumi teaches the one or more tangible computer-readable media of claim 33, wherein the returning includes rescheduling the dialing of the one or more said telephone numbers when the one or more said telephone numbers is unanswered. (Claim 1, Col.10 line 27-32)

Regarding claim 41, Utsumi teaches the one or more tangible computer-readable media of claim 33, wherein the instructions are executable to form the list to include telephone numbers of telephone calls that were received by the communications device and not answered. (Claim 1, Col.10 line 27-32)

Regarding claim 42, Utsumi teaches the one or more tangible computer-readable media of claim 41, wherein the instructions are executable to from the list using a caller ID. (Call list is based on phone numbers)

Regarding claim 43, Utsumi teaches the one or more tangible computer-readable media of claim 41, wherein the list is a schedule that details when at least one said telephone number is to be dialed. (Claim 1, Col.10 line 27-32)

Regarding claim 44, Utsumi teaches the communications device comprising a processor and memory (Fig.1) having instructions that are executable on the processor to form a list having a plurality of telephone numbers of unanswered telephone calls of the communications device and provide a feature to sequentially initiate dialing of the

plurality of telephone numbers included in the list such that the dialing of at least two of the plurality of telephone numbers is initiated by a respective , sequentially. (Claim 1, Col.10 line 27-32)

Regarding claim 50, Utsumi teaches the communications device of claim 44, further comprising instructions executable on the processor to reschedule the dialing of a particular said telephone number in response to determining that a call directed to the particular said telephone number is unanswered. (Claim 1, Col.10 line 27-32)

Regarding claim 51, Utsumi teaches the communications device of claim 50, wherein the instructions to reschedule the dialing are configured to perform the redialing without manually entering the particular said telephone number. (Claim 1, Col.10 line 27-32)

Regarding claim 52, Utsumi teaches the communications device of claim 44, further comprising instructions that are executable to form the list using caller ID to include telephone numbers of telephone calls that were received by the communications device and were not answered. (Claim 1, Col.10 line 27-32)

Regarding claim 53, Utsumi teaches the communications device of claim 52, wherein the instructions to form the list are configured to form a schedule that details when at least one of the plurality of telephone numbers is to be dialed. (Claim 1)

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 34-36 and 45-47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Utsumi et al (US 5,636,267).

Regarding claims 34-36, Utsumi fails to specifically disclose the one or more tangible computer-readable media of claim 33, abbreviated command either entered manually, manually abbreviated command, or by spoken command of a user (although it should be noted that Utsumi does disclose a call command).

Official notice is taken that it is well known in the art to use call commands in either abbreviated manual commands, manual or spoken entry methods.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to either use manual or user spoken redial entry with Utsumi's cleaning method/system for telephone number list in order to provide the computer user of Utsumi with a wide array of call entry sequences.

Regarding claims 45-47, Utsumi fails to specifically disclose the one or more tangible computer-readable media of claim 44, abbreviated command either entered

manually, manually abbreviated command, or by spoken command of a user (although it should be noted that Utsumi does disclose a call command).

Official notice is taken that it is well known in the art to use call commands in either abbreviated manual commands, manual or spoken entry methods.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to either use manual or user spoken redial entry with Utsumi's cleaning method/system for telephone number list in order to provide the computer user of Utsumi with a wide array of call entry sequences.

6. Claims 21-32, 37, 38, 48, and 49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Utsumi et al (US 5,636,267) in view of Iwase (US 5,636,267).

Regarding claim 21, Utsumi discloses the apparatus comprising:

means for receiving a command to dial at least one of a plurality of telephone numbers included in a list;

means for dialing the one of the telephone numbers; (Col.5 line 10-13 & Col.5 line 14-17)

and means for resolving a call to the first of the plurality of telephone numbers that is a result of the dialing. (Col.5 line 14-17)

However, Utsumi does not specifically teach the means for outputting a pre-recorded message that is associated with the first of the plurality of telephone numbers;

The Iwase reference however specifically teaches a device to communicate by telephone call and sending the destination phone number a prerecorded message.

(Col.1 line 48-55)

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to implement a pre-recorded message to be sent to a destination number as taught by Iwase to the Utsumi reference in order to communication to destination number users to be informed for the reason of the phone call.

Regarding claims 22-24, Utsumi fails to specifically disclose the abbreviated command either entered manually, manually abbreviated command, or by spoken command of a user (although it should be noted that Utsumi does disclose a call command).

Official notice is taken that it is well known in the art to use call commands in either abbreviated manual commands, manual or spoken entry methods.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to either use manual or user spoken redial entry with Utsumi's cleaning method/system for telephone number list in order to provide the computer user of Utsumi with a wide array of call entry sequences.

Regarding claim 25, Utsumi and Iwase combined disclose a device to communicate by telephone call and sending the destination phone number a prerecorded message. (Col.1 line 48-55)

Regarding claim 26, Utsumi and Iwase combined disclose the apparatus of claim 21, wherein the resolving means includes means for returning to the first of the plurality of telephone numbers when the first of the plurality of telephone numbers is unanswered. (Col.6 line 12-23)

Regarding claim 27, Utsumi and Iwase combined disclose the apparatus of claim 26, wherein the returning means is configured to perform without manual entry of the first of the plurality of telephone numbers. (Col.6 line 12-23)

Regarding claim 28, Utsumi and Iwase combined disclose the apparatus of claim 26, wherein the returning means is configured to reschedule the dialing of the first of the plurality of telephone numbers when the first of the plurality of telephone numbers is unanswered. (Col.6 line 12-23)

Regarding claim 29, Utsumi and Iwase combined disclose the apparatus of claim 28, wherein the returning means is configured to perform without manual entry of the first of the plurality of telephone numbers. (Col.6 line 12-23)

Regarding claim 30, Utsumi and Iwase combined disclose the apparatus of claim 21, further comprising means for forming the list to include one or more of the plurality

of telephone numbers that correspond to one or more telephone calls that were received but not answered. (Col.6 line 12-23)

Regarding claim 31, Utsumi and Iwase combined disclose the apparatus of claim 30, wherein the forming uses a caller ID. (Col.6 line 12-23)

Regarding claim 32, Utsumi and Iwase combined disclose the apparatus of claim 30, wherein the list is a schedule that details when at least one of the plurality of telephone numbers is to be dialed. (Col.6 line 12-23)

Regarding claim 37, Utsumi teaches one or more tangible computer-readable media of claim 33, wherein the instructions are further configured to cause an output of a pre-recorded message associated with a particular one of the plurality of telephone numbers before dialing.

The Iwase reference however specifically teaches a device to communicate by telephone call and sending the destination phone number a prerecorded message. (Col.1 line 48-55)

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to implement a pre-recorded message to be sent to a destination number as taught by Iwase to the Utsumi reference in order to communication to destination number users to be informed for the reason of the phone call.

Regarding claim 38, Utsumi and Iwase combined teach one or more tangible computer-readable media of claim 37, wherein the pre-recorded message is a stored voice message. (Col.1 line 48-55)

Regarding claim 48, Utsumi teaches the communications device of claim 44, however does not specifically disclose wherein the instructions are further executable to output a pre-recorded message associated with one of the plurality of telephone numbers before the dialing of the telephone number.

The Iwase reference however specifically teaches a device to communicate by telephone call and sending the destination phone number a prerecorded message. (Col.1 line 48-55)

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to implement a pre-recorded message to be sent to a destination number as taught by Iwase to the Utsumi reference in order to communication to destination number users to be informed for the reason of the phone call.

Regarding claim 49, Utsumi and Iwase combined teach the communications device of claim 48, wherein the pre-recorded message is a stored voice message. (Col.1 line 48-55)

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 8-20 and 54-68 are allowed.

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to RICHARD CHAN whose telephone number is (571)272-0570. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 10AM-6PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nay Maung can be reached on (571)272-7882. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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